

WHY COKE OBJECTED.

Senator Coke Explains Why He Is Opposed to Granting a Pension to the Widow of Gen. Logan.

Complete List of Texas Improvements Provided for in River and Harbor Appropriation Bill.

To-day the Last Day of Grace for Minister Manning—The President Holds a Short Reception.

WHY COKE OBJECTED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Senator Coke, who objected to the consideration of the bill to place Mrs. Logan on the pension list with a pension of \$2000 per year, and thereby threw the consideration of the measure over until to-morrow, explains his action by saying that he has no personal objection to Mrs. Logan, but he does object to the establishment of a precedent which may lead to a civil pension list. Mrs. Logan's case is different from that of any other widow of an officer who receives a pension from the government in that her husband was a civilian at the time of his death, and for this reason is not entitled to a pension under the general law. Senator Coke, however, expresses the belief that the bill will pass the senate to-morrow, and it is hardly likely that any serious objection will be offered to it in the house.

RECOMMENDED FOR TEXAS.

Special to the Gazette.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The house committee on rivers and harbors has completed a bill which is very much smaller than that of similar measures for some years past. The whole amount appropriated is about \$7,500,000. Texas improvements provided for in the bill are as follows:

Galveston, \$200,000.
Sabine Pass, \$125,000.
Mouth of Brazos, \$25,000.
Pass Caballo, \$25,000.
Aransas Pass, \$50,000.
Brazos Santiago, \$25,000.
Buffalo Bayou, \$25,000.

OUR MEXICAN MINISTER.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The president has so far failed to nominate Mr. Manning as minister to Mexico, and the impression is almost general that this appointment will be allowed to lapse. This belief is strengthened by the fact that there is but one more day in which the nomination can be made, and further by an unofficial statement by the president that all the recess nominations have been sent in.

PUBLIC RECEPTION.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The president held a short public reception in the east room this afternoon. His right knee is still stiff, and he has a slight limp in his walk, but otherwise his health is reported to be good.

NOMINATIONS.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The president sent the following nominations to the senate to-day: Postmasters: Henderson, Tex.; Steven Lackey; Fort Leavenworth, Kan.; Clara L. Nichols.

Department of justice: Rhyden M. Callahan, for the Northern District of Florida; James Spencer of Whitehall, associate justice of the supreme court of Dakota.

APPROVED BY THE PRESIDENT.
WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The civil service rules have been approved by the president.

RIVER AND HARBOR APPROPRIATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The house committee on rivers and harbors has completed its river and harbor appropriation bill, and it will be presented to the house before the end of the week. The grand total of appropriations made by the bill is \$7,500,000, while the total of the estimates submitted was \$30,281,749. No appropriation is made in the bill for the improvement of New York harbor, although it is possible that items covering that improvement may be inserted before the bill is finally acted upon by the house. The committee refrained from making any appropriations for that purpose for the reason that the house committee on commerce expects to secure some action by the house on a "commission bill," which contemplates the creation of a commission to supervise the expenditures of money for the improvement of New York harbor upon plans provided by the commission. Appropriations are made by the bill as follows:

Maryland—Harbor at Baltimore, \$25,000.
Virginia—Harbor at Norfolk, \$25,000; Norfolk approaches, \$50,000.
West Virginia—Rivers Big Sandy, to complete, \$16,000; Great Kanawha, \$12,500.

Georgia—Harbor at Savannah, to complete, \$45,000.

Alabama—Harbor at Mobile, to complete, \$25,000; rivers, Alabama, \$10,000; Black Warrior, \$50,000.

Mississippi—Pearl river below Jackson, including the bar, \$10,000; Pascagoula river and harbor, \$16,500.

Louisiana—Red river, \$45,000.

Texas—Harbors, Aransas Pass and bay up to Rockport, Aransas Pass, \$50,000; Brazos Santiago, \$25,000; Galveston entrance and harbor, \$200,000; Pass Caballo inlet, \$25,000; Sabine Pass, \$125,000; rivers, mouth of Brazos, \$25,000; Buffalo Bayou, \$25,000.

Arkansas—River Arkansas, removing obstruction, \$15,000.

Tennessee—River Cumberland, above Nashville, \$100,000; Tennessee River, below Chattanooga, \$125,000.

Kentucky—River Ohio, \$150,000; falls of Ohio, \$55,000; Kentucky, \$100,000.

Mississippi river—Sung boat on upper Mississippi, \$10,000; river from St. Paul to Des Moines rapids, \$125,000; at Des Moines rapids, \$15,000; from Des Moines rapids to the mouth of the Illinois river, \$60,000; from the mouth of the Illinois river to the mouth of the Ohio river, \$150,000; from Cairo to the head of the passes, including K-d river and at below the head of the Atchafalaga, \$125,000.

survey of the Mississippi between the head of the passes and the headwaters, \$25,000; the removal of obstructions, \$350,000; the river at Columbus, Ky., \$25,000; at Hickman, Ky., \$50,000; at Memphis, \$25,000; at Greenville, \$50,000; at Vicksburg, \$50,000.

No appropriation is made for the expenses and salaries of the Mississippi river commission.

SENATE BILLS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Among the bills introduced in the senate to-day were the following: By Senator Call, providing that the commissioner of agriculture shall establish in each of the several states not less than one agricultural experiment station and, for which purpose he is authorized to purchase not exceed-

ing 2000 acres of land in each state. The sum of \$1,000,000 is appropriated for carrying the act into effect.

By Senator Plumb: To fix the amount of United States bonds to be required of national banks. It limits to \$5000 the amount of United States bonds required to be deposited by national banks with the United States treasurer; provided, however, that the voluntary withdrawal of the bonds for the retirement of national bank notes shall not exceed \$3,000,000 in any one month without the approval and consent of the secretary of the treasury; and provided further that the act shall not apply to bonds required by the existing law to be deposited for the security of public moneys in national banks. Section 2 provides that on the surrender by a national bank of any sum of its circulating notes by the required deposit of lawful money with the United States treasurer for their redemption, the entire liability of the bank for its surrendered notes shall utterly cease, and they shall be redeemed by the treasurer and destroyed as now provided by law. It further provides that the act shall be construed to determine the liability of national banks which have heretofore thus lawfully surrendered any or all of their circulating notes. The money deposited by a national bank for the redemption of its circulating notes shall be covered into the treasury.

By Senator Blair: To appropriate \$5,000,000 to promote the Colored Peoples' World's Exposition to be held in Birmingham, Ala., from September 22, 1887, to January 31, 1888.

CONFIRMATIONS.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The senate today made the following confirmations: Thomas Moonlight, governor of Wyoming; John W. P. Land, register of the land office at Independence, Cal.; Joseph G. Richards, register of the land office at Walla Walla, W. T.; A. W. Elbeschütz, receiver of public moneys at Independence, Cal.

Among the postmasters are J. T. Soape, Shreveport, La.; Martha J. Tucker, Okolona, Miss.; Anna B. Cheatham, Nashville, Tenn.; J. M. Byrnes, Brenham, Tex.; B. Kalnosky, Brownsville, Tex.

MANDAMUS REFUSED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The district court in general term today denied the application of Jerome F. Manning for mandamus to compel Secretary Bayard to produce certain papers bearing on the Alabama award, and also denied Mr. Manning's motion for an injunction against Secretary Manning and Treasurer Jordan to prevent the issue of drafts and the payment of said awards.

BRANDED AS FALSE.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—Assistant Postmaster-General Stevenson, referring to a recent publication to the effect that he had stated in an interview that the result of the senatorial election in Illinois would depend largely upon the use of money, said most emphatically that this purported interview was a fabrication, pure and simple, and that he had never expressed nor entertained any such views.

SECRETARY BAYARD ON THE TARIFF.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 5.—The president today transmitted to the house of representatives a letter from the secretary of state including a mass of statements from consular officers of the customs duties levied by foreign nations upon the produce and manufactures of the United States. In his letter of transmittance Secretary Bayard says: In framing this inquiry only such articles were included as are exported from this country to foreign markets, the object being to show what burdens are imposed upon existing commerce, and to leave for further inquiry what hindrances or prohibitions are entirely preventing the sale of American products in competition with the products of other nations. In a future report these tariffs will be considered in detail, and their restrictions and retaliatory features pointed out. Upon the importance of this subject at the present time I need hardly dwell. The demand for new markets for American products has become almost imperative, and those markets must be sought among those nations which, from physical or political necessity, from the need of revenue or the desire of fostering manufacturing industries, have imposed duties upon articles of foreign growth or production which are most onerous and oppressive, not only to the consumer, but to American exporters. A comparison between the tariffs heretofore presented and that of the United States may point out in what lines an export trade in American products may be built up by judicious remodeling of our own tariff. In conclusion I would call your attention to the fact that no nation claiming to be civilized imposes duties upon works of art at all commensurate with those levied under the tariff of the United States.

Firemen's Election.

Special to the Gazette.

ARLINGTON, TEX., Jan. 5.—The Rescue Hose Company No. 2 and the Star Hose Company No. 3, of this place, met and balloted on their annual election of officers last night. For the Rescue Company F. N. Brown was elected president; J. B. Brown, vice-president; Nelson Swain, foreman; Theodore Hyeck, Treasurer. For the Star Company D. W. Rowan, president; R. C. Hart, vice-president; J. J. Clinton, foreman; T. E. Flournoy, treasurer.

The companies were congratulated on their effective work during the "past year" and gave promise of even greater vigilance throughout the coming year.

Cisco Notes.

Special to the Gazette.

CISCO, TEX., Jan. 5.—Lieut.-Gov. T. B. Wheeler came home Tuesday and will leave for Austin via Fort Worth to-day. The judge is much improved in health, in high spirits and prepared for his duties as chairman of the senate.

Judge J. R. Fleming, who has been in Washington for some time working in the interest of Cisco in trying to secure the removal of the federal court from Graham to Cisco, returned last night. His speech in favor of the removal is an able document and sets forth facts in favor of the removal.

Mother, stop your child's cough. Dr. J. H. McLean's Tar Vine Loog Balm will give immediate relief, is agreeable to take, and a positive cure. 25 cents a bottle.

Push Along, Keep Moving.

See what we have to move for anything else: A fine cottage in a thriving city; good farm in Tarrant county; several country homes for Fort Worth city property; half interest in a paying bakery and first-class saloon; two hotels, twenty and thirty rooms, doing a hotel business. Call and see our exchange list. A. F. TRUITT & CO.

NAMELESS DEAD.

The Freight Conductor to Blame for the Collision on the B. and O.—His Whole Crew Drunk.

Further Particulars of the Wreck as Related by Passengers on the Ill-Fated Train.

STILL SEARCHING THE DEBRIS.

Tiffin, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Conductor Fletcher says that the engineer of the freight train was drunk. His name is Kyler and he is now at Chicago Junction. Conductor Haskell of the passenger train was in one of the sleepers and ran forward in time to receive some papers from the dying men Pollard and Parks. The piles of ashes and debris now to be seen at the place of the collision are full of bones, the remains of jewelry and melted silver money. Ten of the killed are utterly unknown. An old gentleman named Ferguson of Bloomdale left Pittsburgh on the express and has not since been heard from. His son is now looking among the burned masses and ashes to find something by which to identify his father's charred remains, which he feels certain are in the black pile. Coroner Lepper will make a thorough investigation into the causes leading to the accident. At present the fearful blame seems to rest on the crew of the freight train. Of the fifteen persons known to have been killed the following are the only names thus far known:

JAMES POSTLETHWAITE and two sons, SPENCER and HENRY POSTLETHWAITE of Belton, W. Va.

H. PARKS of Washington. Fireman FREDERICK of the passenger train.

FRED PIERCE, express messenger.

Mr. BALLARD of New York. Ballard and Parks threw their money and papers out to the conductor while they were being burned to death.

FIXING THE RESPONSIBILITY.

Tiffin, Ohio, Jan. 5.—The scene of the wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio is fast losing its horrible shape, and by noon to-day every vestige of the disaster had disappeared. The track which was torn up for twenty yards had been replaced, the dismantled engines and the bodies, those will be held by the coroner, who will immediately institute a thorough investigation. The responsibility of the accident is now placed upon the freight conductor Fletcher, who pulled out of the siding four miles west of Republic without orders, intending to make the siding at Republic for the passenger train. He missed his calculation just one mile and the ashes of the unknown victims testify to his criminal carelessness. Telegrams from many points are constantly arriving making inquiries for friends supposed to be lost. Most of them are happily assured of the safety of their friends.

WHAT THE PASSENGERS SAY.

CHICAGO, ILL., Jan. 5.—Among the survivors of the wreck on the Baltimore and Ohio who arrived here early this morning Harry Forrester of Baltimore was the most severely injured. To a reporter he said: "I can't tell you much about the way the thing happened. It was quick as a flash, and how I got through the millions of splinters and falling timbers I don't know. When I got up the cars were on fire, and I could hear the people all crying out in agonized tones for help. I was somewhat dazed, but these cries brought me to a realization of the calamity. The sights were terrible. There seemed to be wounded people everywhere, and all were crying for aid. I was covered with blood from the wounds on my head. I could not do much to assist. The groans of those in the burning cars were awful. I was near the express messenger, who was killed, and Baggsman Gate, who had all the flesh nearly torn off of one of his legs. There were only four of us, I think, out of eighteen, who got out of the smoking car."

Prof. Francis Kendall of Crete, Neb., said he was sitting in the first-class coach, which was cooled in the rear of the smoking car and ahead of the two sleepers. Beyond several bruises he was not hurt.

The statements made concerning the cause of the disaster by the crew of the freight train are very conflicting. The general excuse given is that they thought there was time to reach Republic before the express arrived. All the passengers unite in saying that the death of M. H. Parks, who is supposed to have been connected with the bureau of labor statistics at Washington, was undoubtedly the saddest and most heartrending of the whole wreck. When the crash came he was riding in the smoker. He succeeded in getting the upper half of his body out of the coach window, but his legs were pinned by the debris in the window of the car, and there he was burned to death before the eyes of those outside, who could do nothing for him. "I shall never forget it," said one of the survivors. "As the flames were creeping closer and closer to him and he came to the conclusion that he was doomed to the most horrible of deaths, he pitched his pocket book to us and gave us the address of his mother in Washington. After that the flames closed around him and we did not see him again."

THE INQUEST DELAYED.

Tiffin, Ohio, Jan. 5.—Coroner T. Lepper will not hold an inquest for a day or two yet. He has arranged with the undertaker at R-public to keep the bodies of the unfortunate passengers until Saturday. If they are not claimed then, they will be buried in one grave.

THE FREIGHT CREW DRUNK.

CLEVELAND, OHIO, Jan. 5.—The Leander correspondent at Fostoria, Ohio, relates a conversation with a man who was at the scene of the wreck. He says: The gentleman stated to your correspondent that he talked with the engineer of the wrecked passenger train, who stated that the train left Chicago Junction five minutes late. When he pulled out his watch he was whistled for Republic he found he had made up four minutes, and was therefore going at the rate of sixty-four miles an hour. Just as they made the curve west of Republic the headlight of the freight train flashed into his face. He reversed his engine and went out of the cab window

head first, and only sustained slight injuries. In answer to a question as to who was to blame for the awful affair, the gentleman said: "It was clearly the fault of the freight crew. I am satisfied the whole crew was drunk, and the condition of things bears me out in the assertion. I heard a brakeman of the freight admit that he drank with the engineer of the freight four times at Tiffin. The conductor claims that the engineer was stubborn and was bound to have his own way. The engineer would not make steam and died on the main track only a few feet from the switch. The whole crew was on the engine parleying as to what to do when the conductor remarked: 'I guess I'll go ahead and dig No. 5.' He had only gotten to the ground when he exclaimed: 'My God, here she comes,' and they all broke for a place of safety. The gentleman quoted is a prominent citizen of Fostoria."

A CONSTRUCTION TRAIN WRECKED.
CHATTANOOGA, TENN., Jan. 5.—A construction train on the Alabama and Great Southern was wrecked yesterday. Engineer Lewis and Fireman Fowler were killed. The engine struck a cow, left the rails and went down an embankment.

A FATAL COLLISION.
OCONOMOWOC, WIS., Jan. 5.—A frightful accident occurred near Pawpeke this evening. The east-bound passenger train which arrives at Pewaukee at 6 o'clock when passing the mammoth houses which border Pewaukee lake at this point ran into a sleigh load of ice men and instantly killed three and fatally injured several others.

Mr. H. Maddock, Detroit, Mich., cured his cold with three doses of Red Star Cough Cure.

NEW MOVEMENT.

Southern Democrats Said to Favor an Abolition of the Taxes on Fruit, Brandy and Tobacco.

Morrison to Introduce His Motion Again with a Prospect of Final Success.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—A special from Washington to the Post says a movement is on progress among Southern men who are in favor of a reduction of the surplus to form a combination by which taxes upon fruit, brandy and tobacco and its manufactures shall be abolished. There is some expectation that Mr. Randall will co-operate in the system. It is also said by Democrats who ought to know that Mr. Morrison during the holiday recess has become convinced that it will be expedient for him to move again to consider the revenue bills, and that it is not improbable that he will have a larger vote than he had before. The fact that two New England Republicans, nearly every interest of whose constituents is protection, voted for Morrison's motion is ascertained has had a very considerable effect upon West-Republican, who, while they have consistently voted with the protectionists for protection's sake, have recently stated that if New England congressmen can afford to break the ranks upon this subject there is no reason why Western men, the industries of which section are practically without protection, should not also exercise their independent judgment. A prominent New England congressman who voted against the Morrison resolution says he has discovered that this feeling is quite prevalent in certain sections of the West, and he is apprehensive that if Morrison shall again make his motion, the result will be different. It is now definitely known that Randall's plan is a total revision of the internal revenue tax, which would involve for a full fiscal year a diminution of receipts by \$120,000,000, which is at least \$20,000,000 more than the expected surplus for the fiscal year. It appears that a combination has been formed among Southern Democratic congressmen, which is known among themselves as the Southern revenue reformation organization, and which dates its existence from a meeting of congressmen of Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina and Georgia, held here early in December, and of which Mr. Caldwell of Virginia was made chairman. Its object is said to be to secure the abolition of the internal revenue tax upon tobacco and all its manufactures, and upon fruit, brandy and tobacco. This would effect a reduction in revenue of not far from \$30,000,000, and would be extremely popular in certain parts of the South. This combination has received considerable accessions during recess, according to information which has been received by an officer of the internal revenue bureau, and it is an organization which is in earnest, and it is likely to make itself felt in future deliberations relative to tariff and the surplus. Negotiations are now said to be pending between the leaders of this organization and Democrats who represent the districts in which the great whiskey distillery interests are located, for the purpose of ascertaining whether or not some common basis of action cannot be agreed upon.

The largest outfit out of Salvation Hill. It was a p.m. and the crowd was large. A large dog was killed. Price 25 cents.

Hood County Battle.

Special to the Gazette.

WEATHERFORD, TEX., Jan. 5.—Mr. J. R. McKinnie, of Haney & McKinnie, returned this evening from their large ranch in Hood county, and stated to your reporter that grass is good on the ranch, and their cattle, as well as all the cattle in that part of the country, are in good condition, and that they will make it through the winter all right.

\$1.50 Per Day.

Mansion hotel. Much improved. Under same management. Will be run at \$1.50 per day. Single lodging 50 cents. A number of large rooms suitable for families. Tell bus and street car drivers to put you up at Mansion hotel on Fourth street. Special attention to ladies traveling alone. All respectable travelers are invited to call, where you will be made comfortable. No yelpers at the depot. Thankful for past favors, etc.

W. W. DUNN, Proprietor.

Push Along, Keep Moving.

Christmas being over, we are ready for business, and can show some of the best bargains to be had in city property for homes, business houses, residence or business lots; we are headquarters.

A. F. TRUITT & CO.

Marine Intelligence.

Special to the Gazette.

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 5.—Sailed: Lampasas for New York.

ON WALL STREET.

The Active Stock List Records an Advance—The Closing Prices Near the Best of the Day.

Yesterday the Last Day for the Payment of the First Installment on Texas and Pacific Trust Certificates.

COMMERCIAL RESUME.

Special to the Gazette.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Railway bonds to-day sold as follows: Fort Worth and Denver City at 89½; Texas and Pacific at 90; Houston and Texas Central 1's at 110; St. Louis, Arkansas and Texas at 109½; Kansas and Texas 6's at 104. Governments steady. Money at 5½ per cent. Sterling firmer.

Wheat a fraction of a cent lower. Cotton declined 3 points. Oil excited and lower. Coffee tended upwards.

Texas and Pacific trust was active and higher on statements from the Farmers' Loan and Trust Company that the assessment due to-day was being rapidly paid by the stockholders. This is the last day for the payment of the first installment of \$200 a share on the Texas and Pacific trust certificates, and the money has been coming in freely. The next will fall due the 15th of February. The committee has no intention of making a third call at present. The proceeds of the first call suffice to take up half a million of the receiver's certificates running at 6 per cent, so that the interest will cease. The receiver's will not need any more funds until spring. So far they have purchased 30,000 tons of steel rails. The middle division will be entirely in steel by March. The earnings this year will be about \$6,250,000, a gain of \$4,000,000. It is not easy to get at the gain in net, as the receivers have not yet cleared up their improvement account, but it should be over \$2,000,000. The Drake committee are considering their course of action as representatives of the income bondholders, but have, as yet, formulated no plan. Probably they will seek a compromise.

GOVERNMENTS, STOCKS AND BONDS.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—Government bonds dull and steady.

Stocks exhibited a marked contrast to that of yesterday, being dull but firm to strong nearly the entire day. Prices did not succeed, however, in reaching Monday's figures, though a large proportion of the issues of yesterday were regained. London, in the early morning was a conspicuous seller, but the movement lasted for the first few minutes only, when that interest became dormant. Room traders followed, covering short contracts extensively. Union Pacific and Western Union were the only active stocks calling for special mention and though the latter exhibited considerable weakness early in the day it later recovered the losses. The opening was weak, 1½¢ lower than last evening's final figures. The market was extremely active in the early dealing. Further slight declines were made, but the market quickly rallied. Prices remained firm to strong and the market became dull and featureless until the last hour, when a movement on Wabash occurred and the general market yielded small fractions, but finally closed barely steady near the best prices of the day. Almost everything on the active list shows an advance, although there are a few declines of small fractions only. Norfolk and Western preferred gained 1½, Nickel Plate, preferred, 1½, Rocking Valley 1½, Reading and Louisville and Nashville each 1. The Texas and Pacific stock assessment just paid was sold on the board to-day for the first time. Railroad bonds were quiet. There was little feature to trading except Lake Erie and Western incomes, which rose ¼ to ½ upon sales of \$90,000, and unusual activity in Milwaukee, Lake Shore and Western, Michigan division firsts, which finally closed unchanged after sales of \$79,000.

California Excursion.

The next California excursion train will leave the Union depot, Fort Worth, January 13 at 10 p. m., on which date excursion tickets to San Francisco and return will be on sale at the low rate of \$60 good six months to return. These tickets must be used going on the excursion train of 13th inst. C. D. Lusk.

North Carolina's Legislature.

RALEIGH, N. C., Jan. 5.—The house of representatives assembled to-day. John R. Webster, nominee of the Independent Democrats, was elected speaker by a vote of 59 against 57 for L. S. Overman, nominee of the regular Democrats. Webster's vote was drawn from the Independent Democrats and Republicans. G. M. Bulla, Republican, was elected chief clerk over Cameron, Democrat, by the following vote: Bulla, 60; Cameron, 58. It is understood that the other officers of the house will be parceled among the Republicans and Independents. The organization of the senate is Democratic.

An Alabama Mayor Sued.

MONTGOMERY, ALA., Jan. 5.—Col. J. B. Cheves, temperance lecturer from Kentucky, has instituted suit in the United States circuit court against the mayor of Greenville, Ala., for \$50,000 damages for injuries received to his person. Mayor Perry recently assaulted and beat Cheves at the Greenville depot for an alleged slanderous remark concerning him made by Cheves in speeches during the prohibition canvass in Greenville.

A STUBBORN STRIKE.

The Trouble with the coal Handlers in the East Growing in Proportions.

NEW YORK, Jan. 5.—The strike of coal handlers is extending all along the lines of the Delaware and Hudson Canal Company, the Philadelphia and Reading railroad, and the Lehigh Coal and Navigation Company. This morning the men at Perth Amboy, who hesitated about striking, were ordered out by the Knights of Labor. Their grievances are identical with those of the employees at Weehawken, Elizabethport, Bergen Point and South Amboy, who have been out for forty-eight hours. The only point where work was continued to-day was at Port Richmond, on the Delaware. Here the men are holding back till ordered by the Knights to stop, and it is believed that the order will come promptly, and that Port Richmond will be idle to-morrow. There was some talk this afternoon of the railroad and coal companies holding a meeting for

the purpose of effecting a settlement. All are sacrificing big sums by the strike, and a majority of the companies think it advisable, it is said, to grant the demand of the men for an increase of rates. There has been no disturbance. The total number of men out is 7000. The topmen, shovellers and others at Weehawken who did not quit work yesterday also struck to-day, and work came to a standstill.

The Coal Trade Journal reports that the production of anthracite coal for the year 1886 was 32,426,722 tons, against 31,893,190 tons in 1885. The demand is unusually good.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS.

A Change at Collinsville.

Correspondence of the Gazette.

COLLINSVILLE, TEX., Jan. 4.—To-day D. M. Lawrence sold out his interest in the firm of Lawrence & Laughlin. Mr. W. J. Pritchard, late of Georgia, is the buyer. The firm name is now Laughlin & Pritchard.

Sold by the Sheriff.

Special to the Gazette.

SHERMAN, TEX., Jan. 4.—The stock of merchandise belonging to Ed. Moore, recently attached by creditors and which inventoried about \$22,000, was sold to-day at 2 p. m. by Sheriff R. L. May for \$13,050, and was purchased by J. H. Hatcher of Cleburne.

A Heavy Failure.

CINCINNATI, OHIO, Jan. 5.—Late this afternoon Weatherly, Stevens & Co., dry goods merchants at No. 116 West Fourth street, made an assignment to James N. Glenn. Liabilities are estimated at \$150,000, with assets valued at \$138,000. The firm is one of long standing, and among the most prominent in the retail dry goods trade of the city.

A Bank's Assignment.

Special to the Gazette.

LONGVIEW, TEX., Jan. 5.—It is decided by a number of the depositors of the late bank of F. J. Harrison & Co. to contest the validity of the firm's assignment on the ground that the senior member of the firm did not sign the deed of assignment. The assignees report the assets to be \$12,000. The liabilities have not yet been aggregated, but the assignees report it to be probably \$60,000.

Michigan's Law-Makers.

LANSING, MICH., Jan. 5.—The legislature convened at noon. The Republican nominees were elected, Charles J. Monroe becoming president pro tem. of the senate and D. W. Markey speaker of the house.

Needle Cuts in Oregon.